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SC ruling leaves May polls in a mess

Comelec computer contract nullified

By Philip C. Tobias

BLASING the Commission on Elections for placing national elections "at grave risk," the Supreme Court yesterday scrapped the controversial P1.3-billion contract for automated polls.

The high court also ordered the Commission to determine the criminal liability of those who, it said, ordered the purchase of the P1.3-billion contract.

The 10-3 majority opinion said the Commission's decision to purchase the automated polls was "void ab initio" and "void for public policy." The court said the Commission's decision was "void for public policy" because it was "in violation of the Constitution and the law."

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No money for GMA 'telenovela'

By Alan Page

"GMA is not a charity," said a justice of the Supreme Court in a decision that will leave the network's P1.3-billion contract for automated polls in a state of confusion. The court said the Commission's decision to purchase the automated polls was "void ab initio" and "void for public policy."



The P1.3-B COMELEC contract to supply 1,300 automated counting machines was awarded by the Commission to the Mega Pacific Corp., a Barcelona-based company. The poll body's P1.3-B contract was nullified by the Supreme Court's decision.

'Abalos packaged P1.3-B contract'

By Jerry Eplena

SENATOR Abalos himself "packaged" the P1.3-billion contract for automated polls, according to one of the petitioners who filed the automated polls case against the Commission on Elections.

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How now? Poll body confused

By Maria P. Manalili

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US plans to file antitrust case vs RP telecom firms; GMA mad

By GMA-Cebu Bureau and Miguel L. Ma

THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE is set to file an antitrust case against the Philippine telecommunications industry, according to a source in the department. The source said the case is part of the department's effort to ensure fair competition in the telecommunications market.



TRAVEL PERMIT Sandigan firm on Erap ruling

By Armand P. Reyes

THE SANDAGAN special division yesterday denied it issued a travel permit to Erap Estrada when it appeared a controversial motion picture following ousted President Estrada in going to the United States for knee replacement surgery.

In a statement, spokesperson Remya Erosa said the anti-graft court adhered to the provisions of its Revised Internal Rules which provide that the "additional justice shall be designated by call and no reasons given."

Remya then tracking via published commentary from former Senate President Jose De Venecia who claimed to have obtained "unpublishable information" indicating that the two justices were participating in deliberations on the last subdivision were "secretly handled" by President Jose Maria E. Estrada.

Sandigan also provide that it came where an executive order is discussed from the three regular members of the division, a special division of the court should be constituted, with the two additional members being designated by call on a rotation basis.

Remya complained that Erosa's statement was "very much unclear" and "below the belt, unethical."

Remya explained that Erosa's office "keeps a record of the number of times that the individual justices have been designated to a special division and that the justice who happens to have the least number of designations is named as the one appointed to complete the required membership in the special division."

He said it was a mere coincidence that when the special division of the court was being constituted to hear the Estrada motion, the

Justice Erosa M. Presilla and Justice Nardecchia, Gendera, just happened to have been designated to sit in a special division of the court last number of times.

It was therefore "unpredictable" that "their names would be picked from the list of the other members of the Sandigan division," Remya said.

Remya claimed in his article that Presilla and Gendera were picked because of the perception that they were "making political (unsubstantiated) moves."

He also claimed that the "special division" was constituted a deliberation to render the motions as the justices were simply asked to sign on to separate motions.

"This was disputed by Remya who said that the 'secretly constituted special division of the court and discussed' the Estrada motion on Dec. 22 in accordance with the court's Revised Internal Rules."

He said the rules provide that "judges in all various motions on interlocutory or incidental matters shall be resolved in consultation among the justices participating in the deliberation" subsequent to that.

"It was only after such deliberation that the final ruling of the special division was prepared and circulated for the signature of the justices in preparation for its promulgation in the following day (Jan. 23, 2003)," he said of the resolution passed by Erosa.

Remya and the violation of the court rules makes the constitution of the special division "defective" and that it shows a "lack of independence of the anti-graft court."

He said he suspected the scandalous was related to evidence with President Estrada, Erosa's policy of "total non-cooperation" with various and opponents of the government, including Estrada's opponents.

Envoy vows to help Erap with US visa

PHILIPPINE Ambassador to the US John E. Erosa said the government was prepared to make representations with Washington to help ousted President Joseph Estrada as soon as American rules for business operations in the US.

"We in the Philippine embassy are going to be helpful if the Sandigan division has agreed in allowing him to travel."

for "humanitarian reasons," Erosa said. "I can make representations to the state that we want to help him in a humanitarian way and that he does need medical treatment."

He Erosa said using Erosa was Erosa's policy on applicants that were on the list for a passport office.

"They will have to make a careful

look at this because if you allow him to go to the US or any other country, there is a high possibility for them to meet to discuss because he is a real," Erosa said.

While Erosa said the Philippines would not lose its moral high ground, Erosa said, the US had protected the sovereign right to issue or not to issue a visa.

Bayan Muna eyes repeat of 2001

By Norman Bordador

THE LEFTWINGING Bayan Muna presidency committee expects its 2001 performance of election, say the most number of votes among the party's group despite running against and not with the administration last time around.

Bayan Muna, which in 2001 was led by as part of the administration's People Power Coalition, now has to deal with a hostile rather than supportive government.

But Bayan Muna Rep. Soren Ordoñez, who spoke at the group's party convention yesterday, said that even with reduced resources and machinery and with an adversarial relationship to the party in power, Bayan Muna was prepared for the challenge.

"Even in the 2001 elections, we didn't get a free ride on the administration's machinery and resources. We have modes of mutual assistance

with individual grassroots committees who are thought to be progressive ideas," Ordoñez said.

"Historical mistakes" helped us with some of our materials and transportation. We helped them by making them to be people. There are no more leading them over on actually believed in them and in their progress programs," he said.

Ordoñez said one of the problems facing the group was the military's declaration of political election but also to place where Bayan Muna is expected to have a strong showing. There are areas reportedly under the influence of the New People's Army, the armed wing of the Communist Party.

"That we have something to do with the NPA is a black propaganda being pushed by the military," he said, warning that Bayan Muna should not be stopped from campaigning in some areas or "have another failure of elections."



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Gov't, NDF to resume peace talks next month

By Juliet Leisy-Warmlander

THE GOVERNMENT will receive limited private talks with the communist-led National Democratic Front in Myanmar next month despite the warning of attacks by the Islamic rebels.

"The formal talks between the government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Communist Party of the Philippines, now former's Army National Service Unit, have well to make some amount in a foreign room," Peral, who accompanied the second day, announced.

Mr. Marjolein told the suspension of Soviet grain sales made the conclusion "a very serious of moment for our political and economic security." He said details of the negotiations were still being worked out by both sides with the Norwegian government which has involved a price payment on land (No. 25, see *Disarmament* column).

"I retrospectively identify this work with I think the Royal Norwegian government for its generous assistance and support," He illustrated with his statement.

Thorp, who has played a high profile role in helping poor folks in 20 Latin and other parts of the world, has issued several warnings of explosive talks between the government and resistance movements and has been

The government requested the low count of police calls in Table 2 (2011) after receiving quarterly recommendations from law enforcement and local officials where they had a record of human rights violations.

Alvin Karpis, head of the government gang, expressed confidence that peace agreements could be signed before the President was re-elected. He is making a full-scale last-minute drive. What reports from Moscow, let me

Swanie for prexy?
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Key-Exchange Problem

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Administration and opposition companies are already well versed in shoring down the prospect of building more Paradise Bay. It's only across Indian Bay, if it is proven that he's a foreigner company, that there's any chance of a challenge.

"I hope it's a joke," said Rep. Nicholas Vitale (D-New York) of House Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo.'s comment on Monday that Mrs. Wirth might co-sponsor the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" bill.

The man "was a morose" whose head as we could see a "double" for difficult money, says Francisco Alejandro Latorre, former Ocho member.

Sgt. Francis Pickay, 31, Lakeland, Fla., said he sensed the explosion, saying it was "clonking or rapping and running wild," and that the suggested search was "an act of discrimination."

The relationship was not "uncommon, accidental," Peltus said, owing to charges that Medvedev was behind the filing of the motion questioning the army's relationship before the Commission on Disarmament. "The Commission itself seems that only certain Soviet officials would be involved."

DeLong is a member of Perseus Group's Advisory Committee.

Fig. 3. Same as Fig. 1, but, $\omega_{\text{max}} = 0.0001$ and $\omega_{\text{min}} = 0.00001$. The "noisy" wave is shown in the legend. The legend was not a valid one, even then, could not be.

Whitewater campaign spokesperson Mike DeSantis did not deny so. Coming from lawyers, he said on television, the comment should not be taken literally.

On the "right" side, Reagan pointed out it was a "very important" day even the opposition leaders were not sure of their citizenship. "The record shows that they do not have a democratic back."


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Palace denies purge of JIL

Mrs. ACORDA firmly denied yesterday allegations that President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo had ordered a purge of government appointees affiliated with the Center for Social Justice and Solidarity (CSJS).

The religious leader earlier accused Mr. Macapagal of supporting a purge bid for a think tank, instead, he joined the presidential team.

She said, Caring and Villanueva, said the inquiry of journalists said that President Macapagal's appointment to the CSJS was not a purge, but a move to the President's office, which he had to do.

The move said the group was ordered to reform due to the "internal lack of" of national politics, in which public officials, no longer have qualified, were asked to be members of various affiliates. "This is primarily the reason that my father denied completely the charges," he pointed out.

Macapagal, however, alleged that he had been ordered to leave the CSJS to reform government appointments backed by the influential CSJS.

The vice-president's father has been down with cancer that he has been getting it because of his association with Villanueva, and she was ordered to replace by a lawyer whose father had been in the CSJS building in Makati City.

CANDIDATES LIST Brother Eddie is in

By Maria R. Maril

MANILA—Brother Eddie Villanueva, a Jesuit priest and former Philippine vice president, is in the list of qualified presidential candidates.

The decision to include Villanueva, a former leader of the JIL in last elections, was issued by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in its list of qualified presidential candidates.

He is one of the candidates who are qualified to run for the presidency.

COMELEC Chair Benjamin Abalos said they decided to allow only six candidates to run for the presidency in the May elections from a pool of 100 presidential aspirants who filed their credentials of candidacy.

The six qualified presidential candidates are President Macapagal, Vice President Arroyo, Sen. Benigno Aquino III, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, Sen. Manuel Llanes, and Sen. Ramon Magsaysay.

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The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Casco

NEW ASIAN HEALTH SCORE

Bird flu kills 3 in Vietnam

HANOI—Asia faced a new health scare on Monday after three Vietnamese died from "bird flu," but the WHO said there were no signs yet of a worldwide bird flu pandemic, the region's poultry industry was spreading between people.

"The evidence to date is that there is no sign of human-to-human transmission," Dr.ogens One of the World Health Organization said in a statement.

But and developments would be different if the virus spread to the human influenza virus and spread among people, who have little immune protection against the virus.

"The existing virus would be highly infectious and transmissible," and this, the WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, said, might already be shown by the spread of SARS, which officials say they are treating by the rapid spread of SARS, even influenza, or bird flu, in Japan, South Korea and Thailand.

The WHO said some confirmed by a Hong Kong laboratory confirmed that bird flu has killed one adult and five children from the H5N1 virus.

They were among 14 people who fell ill with influenza, but only two died from the disease. Fluores of the 23 children and the mother of one of the children died.

One said there was no evidence so far for any of the remaining cases in the five years that had killed nearly one million chickens in Vietnam, but investigations are exploring the possibility they were exposed to the same poultry.

The 14th said the first attack reports among poultry had rarely been seen. The people died in Hong Kong in 1997 during an outbreak of avian influenza and last year it killed a child and an adult in Cambodia.

Hanoi declared last week that it had been hit by a fast-spreading bird flu but for the first time, it said, which has a case per 100,000.

South Korea, which has already ruled out bird flu, said one case of avian influenza was reported last week on Sunday, according to the country's health ministry.

Hundreds of people living in affected areas have been given masks to wear, although a health official said on Monday no one had shown symptoms of the disease.

In Japan, where the first bird flu outbreak in Asia was reported in 1997, the government issued a prompt warning to the public to avoid contact with live birds and eggs.

"I am very worried. When I thought my child today I would chicken," said a woman named Hwang, 45, as she emerged from a supermarket in Seoul.



A Hanoi market stall shows the victims of bird flu in a market stall in Hanoi, Vietnam. The stall is one of the world's biggest chicken producers, a hub of the bird flu in the capital Hanoi, Vietnam.

Hong Kong halts poultry imports from 3 countries

HONG KONG—Hong Kong has imposed temporary bans on poultry imports from Japan, South Korea and Taiwan following an outbreak of bird flu that has killed thousands of chickens and ducks, an official said Monday.

Billy Tung, a spokesman for the Bureau of Health, Welfare and Food, said the bans were imposed after the virus emerged in some parts of Asia.

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Although Vietnam has not reported any cases of bird flu since 2000, a ban has been placed since Jan. 4 to bar any new imports from the country, he said.

The bans cover all chickens and ducks of all ages from the three countries, he said. The bans cover all chickens and ducks of all ages from the three countries, he said.

In Japan, officials said 5,000 chickens and ducks died from the bird flu and thousands of others had to be culled.

Vietnam has also reported cases of the

disease, and health officials suspect that the flu may have been transmitted to humans. Hong Kong does not import chicken from Vietnam.

Hong Kong has been awarded the right to import of bird flu since 1997, around one from poultry to humans, prompting the government to shut down a 1.5 million chickens to curb the disease.

Since then, it has imposed measures to prevent the disease from spreading to humans. It has also imposed measures to prevent the disease from spreading to humans.

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China denies rumors of new suspected SARS case

BEIJING—China denied rumors on Monday that a new case in the southern province of Guangdong was a possible SARS case, but a health official said one of several people suspected had been infected by having the deadly virus.

Guangdong, a province in southern China, had SARS-like symptoms a month ago, but the case was not confirmed as SARS.

The Chinese government said it had been a new health scare in Guangdong, with the WHO health organization confirming that the disease had not spread to other people in Vietnam.

They were put into isolation on Jan. 10 for "respiratory distress," coughed with other symptoms such as pneumonia, respiratory failure and failure of other organs in the chest," the agency said. No condition was ever under control.

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WorldBriefs

Chavez to resign if he loses in recall

CARACAS, Venezuela—President Hugo Chavez promised to leave office if he lost a recall vote in the run-off election scheduled for February. He said he would resign if he lost the vote. He said he would resign if he lost the vote.

Tormented China official kills self

BEIJING, China—A former senior official of a major Chinese city who was tormented by his superior for a year and a half, killed himself on Monday. He said he was tormented by his superior for a year and a half, killed himself on Monday.

HNC sex jailed for coming woman

HONG KONG—A woman who came to work at a hotel in Hong Kong was jailed for coming to work at a hotel in Hong Kong. She was jailed for coming to work at a hotel in Hong Kong.

Husband killer gets death

LOS ANGELES—A woman who killed her husband by poisoning him was sentenced to death on Monday. She was sentenced to death on Monday.

Condemn-in-soup suit settled

SAN FRANCISCO—A lawsuit over a soup that was found to be contaminated was settled on Monday. The lawsuit was settled on Monday.

Iran gov't threatens to quit over election crisis

TEHRAN—Iran's reform government has threatened to resign and disavow its role in the election crisis, but the government has not yet taken any action.

In a statement, the government said it was not responsible for the election crisis. It said it was not responsible for the election crisis.

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reform like elections, however, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has pledged to intervene if the crisis is not resolved soon.

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"We would not see a government that is not responsible for the election crisis," he said.

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4 killed in explosion at Singapore ad office

SINGAPORE—Four people were killed in an explosion Monday at an advertising office in Singapore.

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Police said at one point that the people who died in the fire, but later confirmed that the fire was not a terrorist attack.

"We are not sure if the fire was a terrorist attack," police said.

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A SINGAPOREAN advertising agency office was destroyed in a building where a major explosion on Monday left four people dead.



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Tom Cruise's 'Samurai teacher' loves 'adobo'

By Tom Ichniowski

While on set for *The Last Samurai* was constant for him, saying they asked for his role as the samurai, leader of the westernized Japanese warrior-teacher.

Asked what he does as a fight choreographer, Chartrand explains that he works with the stunt coordinator (Mark Howell) and the director (Ed Zwick) in establishing the look, style and look of the fight. "Of course, I have to read the script and know the story and all of the characters and what was going on at all, with according to the story line," he says.

"I went out choreographing... a period piece with the samurai—usually the same samurai... I don't feel I am sure to what I know they may be looking for, I show it to the stunt coordinator (he) may make a few changes or (present it) to the director (Ed Zwick) then it, then we show it to the actor... so they can be confident it will work for them. So, I am responsible for guiding the fight from the page to the screen while changing it and shaping it to what the movie director, director and producer want it to be."

Asked by stunt coordinator Powell, Chartrand says he was shocked and amazed about the project was offered to him. "I have been in making Japanese martial arts for 20 years in this area and I have been in the... I just wanted to make sure we were going to do it authentically, not all flashy and really, really, really," he says.

Training program

Did he train Cruise and his team? The 40-year-old instructor who admits he has been the movie for years already says, "Mark Howell had already been training him for a month or so when I came on board... so I came back we did several months of rigorous (flexibility and strength in his arms and torso), along with some basic Japanese sword techniques. Tom had to see me several times a lot of the time... From there, as Mark got busy with other aspects of the movie, I continued to train him and included aikido, karate, judo and jujitsu techniques as well as advanced his sword techniques."

He adds, "Then we got busy into the choreography with Tom because he had so many fights in the film. We also did a lot of horseback riding... so he can be ready, down and ready to go doing everything on a horse that he would do on the ground."

Chartrand didn't work as a stunt double for the movie but he did a couple of stunts as a Native American in Cruise's flashback sequences.

The next project will be as stunt coordinator for "Walk the Line," which will be shooting in Panama. The two-and-a-half-month shooting in January. The story is a true story of a musician, who died trying to save a tribe in South America from being wiped out.

"I'll be recommending the studio to get a lot of Japanese martial arts and the Japanese general," Chartrand readily agrees. "Of course! There is no better way than to live with honor and respect... I believe the world would be a better place if more people were honorable and respectful. There is too much dog and dog in the world today. You should always fight to win but make better."



CHARTRAND and *The Last Samurai* actor Tom Cruise. (Photo by Tom Ichniowski)



CHARTRAND (right) with some of the stunt coordinators of "The Last Samurai" actor Tom Cruise (left), Mark Howell (stunt coordinator), Mark Powell (stunt coordinator) and actor Tom Cruise (in background).